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A copy Page 3 of the Examiner's Answer is enclosed with the signed IDS filed on 7/1/1998, 06/16/2000, 04/09/2001, 07/28/2003, 01/23/2004, 02/09/2004, 02/24/2004, 05/11/2004, 07/23/2004, 04/26/2005, 01/10/2007.

The examiner had requested a copy of page 3 of the Examiner's Answer to Mr. Kurt Berger on September 16, 2006 and October 17, 2006 but no copy has been received.

The application has been forwarded to the board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The Madeleine AV Nguyen  
Primary Examiner  
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(8) ***ClaimsAppealed***

The copy of the appealed claims contained in the appendix to the brief is correct.

(9) ***References of Record.***

The following is a listing of the prior art of record relied upon in the rejection of claims under appeal.

5,394,458	Allen	02-1995
4,872,157	Hemmady	10-1989

(10) ***Ground of Rejection***

The following ground(s) of rejection are applicable to the appealed claims:

Claims 37-48, 70-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103. This rejection is set forth in prior Office action filed on February 14, 2001.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject